



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 6424

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Referred to Committee on Government Administration and
Elections

Introduced by:
(GAE)

**AN ACT REQUIRING NOTIFICATION OF VOTING OR VOTING
REGISTRATION TO CONSERVATORS OF RESIDENTS OF CERTAIN
INSTITUTIONS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (a) The administrator of an institution, as defined
2 in subsection (a) of section 9-159q of the general statutes, a residential
3 facility for the mentally retarded licensed pursuant to section 17a-227,
4 or a community residence, as defined in section 19a-507a of the general
5 statutes, shall use his or her best efforts to provide written notice to
6 any conservator or guardian appointed to manage the affairs of a
7 resident of such institution, facility or residence pursuant to sections
8 45a-644 to 45a-663, inclusive, or sections 45a-668 to 45a-684, inclusive,
9 of the general statutes, at least seven days prior to the date any voter
10 registration or voting opportunity is presented to the resident with
11 respect to a primary, referendum or election. Such voter registration or
12 voting opportunity includes, but is not limited to, the solicitation or
13 completion of: (1) An application for admission as an elector; (2) an
14 absentee ballot application; or (3) an absentee ballot, regardless of
15 whether supervised absentee ballot voting will take place at such

16 institution. The administrator of such institution, facility or residence
17 shall also use his or her best efforts to provide written notice to any
18 such conservator or guardian at least seven days prior to the date
19 when the resident may be brought to a polling place to vote in person.

20 (b) Any such notice shall indicate that the resident is entitled to vote
21 or register to vote unless the resident is determined incompetent to do
22 so by a probate court, or unless the registrars of voters or their
23 designees jointly conclude at a supervised voting session that the
24 resident declines to vote the ballot or they are unable to determine how
25 the resident desires to vote the ballot, as provided in subsection (g) of
26 section 9-159q of the general statutes. The notice shall also specify that
27 a resident who requires assistance to vote in accordance with section 9-
28 264 of the general statutes, by reason of blindness, disability or
29 inability to read or write may receive assistance from a person of the
30 resident's choosing.

31 (c) The administrator of any such institution, facility or residence
32 may also provide such notice to a person with a power of attorney for
33 a resident of the institution, facility or residence.

34 Sec. 2. (NEW) Any probate court proceeding to determine an
35 individual's competency to vote in a primary, referendum or election
36 shall be conducted not later than fifteen days after the guardian or
37 conservator files a petition and shall be privileged with respect to
38 assignment for trial.

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